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## HAY'S POLICY KEEPS THEM GUESSING

European Situation Would Be Perfect, According to Russia, Were It Not for State Department.

Affairs Are Kept In Turmoil By Secretary's Persistence In Butting In.

IS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY

Solution Would Be Easy If It Were Known Exactly What the American Diplomat Stands For.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—The mis-giving existing in high quarters regarding the ultimate aims and purposes of the foreign policy of the United States was verified today in the following remarkable statement to the Associated Press:

"Were it not for a single unknown quantity the European situation at present would be as perfect as possible. For the avoidance of one thing, every chancellor in Europe has been straining every nerve—namely, to prevent the entanglement of an outside power in this war. That unknown quantity is your state department.

"The situation following the outbreak of hostilities was exceedingly delicate and surcharged with dangerous possibilities to the peace of the world, and the level-headed statesmen of Europe instantly co-operated to avert a general catastrophe when almost at the inception Secretary Hay's circular note for the neutralization of China almost ditched them. But happily, he did not press it to a point where differences were sure to have arisen and as it turned out, owing to the length to which the powers gave adhesion to its principle, it really contributed to the trend to which all desired. The note might have proved disastrous did not the present moment find all of Europe practically in accord as to what should be done.

"The only place where uncertainty exists is Washington. We are at sea as to what to expect from Mr. Hay's diplomacy, which in these latter days is so aggressive, so startlingly sudden in the way it proposes propositions to

the remainder of the world that we have not time to prepare for the shock. It is a veritable nightmare to Europe. The present situation is like an algebraic problem—every quantity of the equation is known except one and that one is Mr. Hay. If we knew what he stood for or what he intended to do, the solution would be easy."

### BUSINESS IS SUSPENDED.

Normal Conditions in Springfield Upset by the Race War.

Springfield, Ohio, March 9.—The situation early tonight was considered by the authorities to be more threatening than at any time since the beginning of the present race troubles. Martial law practically exists in the down town districts and in the burned portions of the town formerly occupied by negro resorts. Companies of the Ohio national guard are on picket duty and seven more companies are expected here before 10 o'clock.

Saloons without a single exception have been closed all afternoon and many other lines of business have practically ceased.

Among the buildings destroyed by last night's fire were a number of balloons patronized by negroes and whites.

At 11 p. m., the militia had dispersed the crowds in the central part of the city but it was feared they would form elsewhere for later movements. While there are 15,000 negroes in this city, none was seen anywhere tonight. The body of Dixon was privately interred here tonight in Ferncliff cemetery. The order for all saloons to remain closed is observed but no attention is paid to the proclamation of the mayor issued this afternoon for people to keep off the streets.

Telegrams are being received by negroes from their followers in other states, offering help. The pastor of a colored church in Kansas City today wired to a pastor here:

"If you want any aid from Kansas call on us. We are prepared to come to your rescue."

The only outbreak so far tonight occurred at 11 o'clock. Five shots aimed at a colored man, were the occasion of three companies of militia being dispatched to the scene of the disturbance. By the time the militiamen arrived the police had restored order.

### Royalty From Japan.

London, March 9.—It is announced on reliable authority that Prince and Princess Ariugawa will represent the Japanese court at the St. Louis exposition.

### Abe Attell Wins in Fifteenth.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 9.—Abe Attell, of San Francisco, won from Patsy Haley, of Buffalo, in the fifteenth round of a 26-round contest tonight.

## ADVANCE OF THE JAPANESE CAUSES THE RUSSIANS TO RETIRE WITH LOSSES

Oriental Capture Fung Wang Chang and Drive Out Enemy in Vicinity of Taku Ling, Concentrating Near New Chang.

No Further News Received Concerning Reported Naval Engagement, But It Is Considered Pertinent That No Mention Is Made in Russian Dispatches Relating to Vladivostock Squadron.

London, March 10.—No further news has reached London of the reported fighting at Port Arthur or of the fall of the Russian Vladivostock squadron, but it is considered significant that none of the Russian official dispatches makes any mention of the Vladivostock cruisers.

According to the Tien Tsin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the Japanese advanced from Yalu river captured Fung Wang Chang, and drove out the Russians in the vicinity of Taku Ling, the eastern pass, and are in force 70 miles east of New Chang. The Russians with 35,000 men are entrenched strongly at Liao Yang and Hai Chang, where fighting is imminent. Some small engagements already have been fought. The Russians are retiring with losses.

### LITTLE TROUBLE IN BALKANS.

Sultan Seeks Supply of Arms, but May Amount to Nothing.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—Careful inquiry concerning the outlook in the Balkans develops the prevailing opinion in government as well as in diplomatic circles that there is little possibility of an outbreak in the spring, although the danger is not considered as passed.

What assurances the authorities have concerning Bulgaria are not known, but they do not tally with direct information from other sources. Evidently the porte is alarmed at the outlook, as an American representative of an ordnance firm, who came here to act as broker in the sale of South American warships to Russia, has been requested to go to Constantinople immediately, as the sultan desires to purchase a large supply of guns.

### JAPS CONTRIBUTE LIVELY.

Calls Are Being Made for War Fund in Coast States.

Salt Lake, Utah, March 9.—The Japanese in Utah have been asked to contribute \$10,000 toward the Japanese war fund. Similar assessments have been made on the Japanese of Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. It is said \$280,000 has already been raised in San Francisco alone and large sums are coming from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

### Russians Reported Defeated.

London, March 9.—A dispatch to the Times from Wei Hai Wei, dated March 9, says:

"It is reported on good authority that a collision between Japanese and Russian troops has occurred near Haiju, Corea, 54 miles northwest of Chemulpo, which resulted in the defeat of the Russians."

### No Mention of Naval Fight.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—The Associated Press has received direct advices from Vladivostock since 5 o'clock this afternoon. They do not mention a naval engagement.

### Duchess Goes to Front.

Paris, March 9.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal telegraphs that it is affirmed that Grand Duchess Olga Alexandrova, sister of the czar, is going out to Manchuria to act as superintendent of the Red Cross work.

### Japanese Are Confident.

London, March 10.—The Times this morning publishes what it terms a remarkable instance of Japanese confidence. The Japanese have arranged for the dispatch of coal from England to Port Arthur or Vladivostock and steamers taking it are to call at Singapore for definite orders. The coal is

explicitly warranted to be Japanese property.

### Kuropatkin Goes East.

Paris, March 9.—The Figaro publishes a dispatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent, saying that General Kuropatkin will leave Moscow for the far east next Sunday evening. His final destination is kept secret, as it is connected with mobilization plans.

### Russian Advance Continues.

London, March 9.—Under date of March 9, the correspondent of the Times at Tokio, says that the Russian advance south of Possiet bay continues.

### CUT OUT THE STATUE.

Senator Bacon Would Decline Acceptance of Kaiser's Gift.

Washington, March 9.—During the consideration of the army appropriation bill in the senate today Bacon protested against the acceptance of the statue of Frederick the Great, of Germany, tendered by Emperor William, on the ground that the former German emperor was not in sympathy with American institutions. Stewart defended Frederick against what he characterized as Bacon's gross misrepresentations. The army appropriation bill was passed. The senate also passed the Philippine shipping bill, after speech in opposition by Messrs. Culberson and Patterson.

### NO USE FOR BRISTOW.

Congressmen Hurl Epithets at Head of Fourth Assistant.

Washington, March 9.—That the investigation of the postoffice department by the house of representatives will result from the publication of the report involving members of congress in that connection was indicated by every expression possible, short of a vote, in that body today. With a whirlwind of protests, the report was taken up by indignant members, their personal connection with it explained and epithets were hurled at Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow.

### RELATING TO APPOINTMENT.

Senator Carmack Wants Information Regarding Boise Assayer.

Washington, March 9.—Senator Carmack today introduced a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for all papers and documents filed in relation to the appointment of H. Smith Wolley as assayer at Boise, Idaho.

### LOVE AND SHARP AX.

Aged Irishman Deals Rival Terrible Blow on the Head.

San Francisco, March 9.—George McLaughlin hit William Chamberlain on the head with an ax and has left a mark that will take many moons to efface. Though the occurrence in itself is serious enough, the events that led up to it are of a humorous character.

McLaughlin, who hails from the Emerald Isle, says he does not know how old he is, but states with emphasis that he was born on the same day and date as Queen Victoria, which would make him 35 years of age on the coming May 24. He certainly looks it. He is small, wizened, and has parted with all his teeth, but he has not parted with all his vigor nor the passion of love that filled his breast in early youth.

From what is reported on the water front, McLaughlin lives in Baldwin court, and Chamberlain, who is 55 years old, lives near by. Shortly after noon yesterday Chamberlain tapped on

McLaughlin's door to pay a friendly call, but instead of welcoming him McLaughlin grabbed an ax and smote him on the head, leaving a wide cut over his left ear.

The cause is stated to be a woman, named Mrs. Nicholls, over whose head some seventy-two summers lightly rolled, and to whom the belligerents have been paying attention. Chamberlain had his head sewed up at the Harbor Emergency hospital and later was sent home. McLaughlin was carried down to the Hall of Justice.

### DEAD DOG CAUSES FRACAS.

Marshal Kills Animal and Lively Row Follows Concerning Fee.

Roseburg, Ore., March 9.—At the regular meeting of the city council in this city last Monday night, a wordy conflict between Mayor Hoover and Marshal Jarvis furnished amusement for the spectators. The marshal presented his bill for salary for the month of February and included \$2 for the killing of an impounded dog. The mayor raised an objection on the grounds that the marshal was only entitled to his salary and that the city charter states that no fees shall be paid to any city officer. The mayor produced letters from the mayors of both Ashland and Grant's Pass, in both of which it was stated that they allowed no fees to their marshal. The mayor of Ashland added in his letter that should the marshal of his city present a bill for killing a dog he would immediately ask for his resignation. Then Councilman Norman arose and said: "If I were mayor, I would be ashamed to write a letter like that. I don't consider a city marshal a dog killer, and if he is compelled to kill impounded dogs he should be paid for it."

On motion of one of the councilmen it was decided that a special meeting be held next Saturday afternoon to settle the differences between the mayor and marshal, but blood having been existing between them for some time, and the said meeting is to be behind closed doors.

During the meeting the council partially condemned the city hall as being unsafe for occupancy on account of the building settling and the wall cracking. A committee was appointed to investigate and ascertain the condition of the building.

### Kansas Republican Ticket.

Wichita, Kan., March 9.—The republican state convention tonight nominated the following ticket:

Governor, E. W. Hoch; lieutenant-governor, David Hanna; secretary of state, J. R. Burrows; auditor, Seth G. Wells; attorney-general, C. C. Coleman; treasurer, Thomas T. Kelly.

## NO PLACE TO LAY THEIR HEADS

Two Thousand Families Deprived of Their Homes and Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

Wyoming Valley Desolated by Turbulent Waters and Towns Are Fighting to Live.

### INDUSTRIES ARE ALL CLOSED

Entrapped in Flooded Homes Many People Seek Refuge On Upper Floors and Await Death or Succor.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 9.—More than \$1,000,000 worth of property has been destroyed by flood in the Wyoming valley, and over 2000 families are rendered homeless. Though the river is falling at Wilkesbarre tonight the towns in the vicinity of Bloomburg are experiencing the worst flood in their history.

Industries all along the Susquehanna river from Pittston to Nanticoke are closed down on account of high water, and in many places the water is flowing into the mines. At Plymouth the entire business section of the town is under water. Ice is gorged there and the water backed up so rapidly this afternoon that many families found it impossible to leave their homes and are now living on the upper floors. Communication by railroads has been cut off.

### Will Fight Hollander.

New York, March 9.—Kid McKoy has been matched to fight Henry John Placke, the Hollander who has just arrived. The bout which will take place in Philadelphia on the night of April 1 is to go six rounds. Placke weighs 250 pounds and he measures six feet 5 1/2 inches in height.

Rev. Oscar Ostrom will leave in a few days for California. He is not decided yet where he will be located, but probably he will go east after a few weeks' vacation. Mr. Ostrom has been in Astoria two years and a half. His successor, Rev. A. G. E. Rydquist, will arrive in Astoria this spring.

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